

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 174

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 185

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 174—Relative to California Solar Professionals Day.

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This measure would declare November 8, 2014, as California Solar Professionals Day.

WHEREAS, California is leading nation in solar projects and the employment sector is a rapidly growing one; and

WHEREAS, Skilled solar professionals are key to continuing growth in this market; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 1,861 solar companies at work in California, employing more than 47,223 workers; and

WHEREAS, These solar companies provide a wide range of services and products; and

WHEREAS, 49 percent of solar companies were expected to add employees last year, with a total of 10,500 new employees added by November 2014, which equals 22.3 percent growth; and

WHEREAS, The solar industry in California employs more than 5 times the number of workers than the next largest solar employing state; and

WHEREAS, More than 73 percent of new solar jobs are newly created positions; and

WHEREAS, Employment in the solar industry is generally very diverse; and

WHEREAS, Job growth in the solar sector is nearly 5 times faster than the statewide growth rate; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, California installed 2746 megawatts of solar electricity capacity, ranking the state first in the nation; and

WHEREAS, There is enough solar power installed in the state to power more than 1.7 million homes and California ranks first in the nation for installed solar power; and

WHEREAS, Solar installations have expanded rapidly and the industry has become more efficient and productive; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares November 8, 2014, as California Solar Professionals Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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